

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: July 30-Aug. 5

Reminder for the week: Visitors to wildlife, fishing, and boating areas asked to respect natural resources

DOVER – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between July 29 and Aug. 5 made 2,224 contacts with anglers, boaters, and the general public, issuing 47 citations. Officers responded to 72 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. An increased Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail.

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Actions

Incident of note:

- On July 30, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers arrested an individual for multiple drug-related charges near Dover. The following press release was issued regarding the incident: [DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrest Dover woman on multiple drug charges.](#)

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in parentheses, included:

Fisheries Conservation: Recreational: Failure to tend crab pots at least once within required 72-hour timeframe (1), possession of undersized striped bass (1), no F.I.N. number

(5), unlicensed fishing (4), fishing in a closed area of a state wildlife area (1), possession of undersized white perch (3)*, possession of undersized blue crab (5), illegal use of cast net in tidal water within 300 feet of a dam or spillway (1), and possession of flounder parts (1).

Boating and Boating Safety: Allowing use of a non-compliant vessel (1), operating a vessel with insufficient number of life jackets (2), no life jacket on a child age 12 or younger as required by law (3), and failure to observe slow no wake violation (1).

Public Safety: Possession of a controlled or counterfeit substance/cocaine and the street drug commonly known as Ecstasy (2), possession of drug paraphernalia not marijuana related (3), possession of drug paraphernalia marijuana related (2), marijuana personal use quantity 21 or older – civil (1), parking in a no stopping, standing, parking zone (2), and harvesting shellfish from a prohibited area (2).

Other: Trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (4), stop/obstruct passage of vehicles (1), and failure to have driver's license in possession (1).

** Includes citation(s) issued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area*

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters, and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting, and boating laws and regulations. Citizens are encouraged to report fish, wildlife, and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030 or online at de.gov/ogt.

Are you AWARE?

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police continue to patrol and closely monitor state wildlife areas, fishing piers,

public boat launching facilities, and multi-use areas for visitor safety and compliance, as well as checking for illegal activity such as drug use, dumping, and damaging wildlife habitat.

State wildlife areas, fishing piers, and boat launching facilities are closed to the public from sunset to sunrise unless a person is actively and lawfully engaged in fishing, hunting, or boating in accordance with state regulations and individual wildlife area rules. Individuals not meeting these requirements and found at these sites between sunset and sunrise face fines up to \$100 for trespassing after hours.

For more information on individual wildlife areas, including the rules and regulations specific to each area, visitors are encouraged to review Delaware wildlife area maps published by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. The maps are available in hard copy at DNREC's Dover licensing desk, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and also can be found online at [Delaware Wildlife Area Maps](#).

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